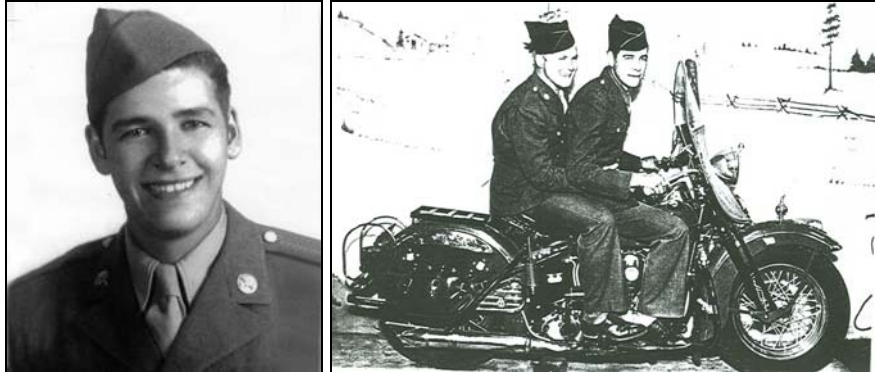


In Memory of
U.S. Army Corporal
Franklin Marion Barber

Rapid City, South Dakota
Pennington County

November 16, 1925 – May 27, 1951
Died while Prisoner of War in Korea



(Franklin is driving the motorcycle)

Franklin Marion Barber was born on November 16, 1925, to Francis and Mary (Armijo) Barber in Nisland, South Dakota, but was raised in Rapid City, South Dakota. Franklin went to Rapid City High School and worked at a feed store in Rapid City for a time.

Franklin Barber first entered the service during WW II and was stationed in Germany. After his discharge, he returned to the States and married Dorothy M. Voorhees on March 30, 1946, in Bridgeport, Maine, but Dorothy died on June 14, 1946, in Deadwood, South Dakota.

At some point, Corporal Franklin Barber was recalled to duty from reserve status and was again sent overseas. Franklin married his second wife, Marianne, on November 6, 1948, in Germany.

As a member of the 38th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, Corporal Barber arrived in Korea. He was taken prisoner of war while fighting the enemy in South Korea on February 12, 1951. Corporal Franklin Barber died while a prisoner of war on May 27, 1951. His mother was still living at the time of his death as were his siblings: Betty (Kinney), Dean, Tom Levi, Juanita (Goddard), Zerelda (Luciano), and Mary (Ross). Two of his sisters, Dorothy and Marie, had preceded him in death.

Corporal Franklin Marion Barber's body was later recovered and returned to the United States, where he was buried at Arlington National Cemetery. He was awarded the Prisoner of War Medal, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Korean War Service Medal.

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